TROUTVILLE Tidbits



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Welcome to the 1st issue of TROUTVILLE Tidbits!

A <u>FREE</u> monthly newsletter designed to keep Troutville residents informed of the many happenings going on in Town and at the Park. "*Friends of the Park*" is happy to bring you "Town News", upcoming events, local history and many other items of interest. Our sincere thanks to <u>THRIFTWAY FOODS</u>, Troutville's local grocery store since 1935, for sponsoring the 2008 monthly issues.

We hope you enjoy our Tidbits!!

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Town News

By Debi Robison & Mary Jane Newcomb

During the January 2008 Town Council Meeting, members of the *Friends of the Park* voiced concern about the increased usage of the Town Park by large groups from outside the county. Although the town does receive donations from Botetourt County, the Troutville Lions Club and two fund raisers put on by the *Friends of the Park*, it is supported solely by the Town of Troutville. And as the number of visitors increases each year, so do the expenses for maintenance and supplies – as well as the wear and tear on the Park equipment.

As a solution, the *Friends of the Park* composed a letter which would be sent, on behalf of the Town of Troutville, to each of the organizations and school districts that frequently visit the Park in vans and/or buses with large groups of children. The letter explains how the Park is funded and the expenses involved, and asks for a donation toward its upkeep.

The Town Council reviewed and approved the letter at the February meeting.

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Did you know.....

By Len Miller

Troutville was a thriving place in the 1930's. A few of the businesses at that time included:

Hotel and Dining Room
Street Car Diner
Tin Can & Basket Factory
Iron Mining Company

Ice Cream Parlor
Blacksmith Shop
Poultry Plant
Drug Store

In the coming months, the Tidbits will highlight the many families and businesses that have contributed to Troutville's history.

If <u>you</u> have information or pictures you'd like to share, please contact the Troutville Tidbits.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Troutville Park Spring Fund Raiser Community Yard Sale & Flea Market



Saturday, April 19, 2008 8:30am - 2:00pm \$10.00 fee per car For Information Call 819-6335